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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: LARRY J. PINKNEY

REF: STOCKHOLM 1383

1. SUMMARY: STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT GOS WILL AGREE TO EXTRADICT PINKNEY ON BASIS GOVERNMENT DECISION TO BE TAKEN APRIL 24. GOS WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE INDICATION BEFORE APRIL 24 RE EARLIEST DATE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICIAL(S) COULD TAKE CUSTODY OF PINKNEY IN STOCKHOLM. END SUMMARY

2. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEGAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR HANS DANIELIUS CALLED DCM TO MINISTRY THIS MORNING TO CONVEY FOLLOWING: GOS WILL TAKE DECISION ON PINKNEY EXTRADITION ON THURSDDAY, APRIL 24. IF DECISION IS TO AUTHORIZE EXTRADITION, GOS WILL BE ANXIOUS TO SEE PINKNEY FLOWN UNDER ESCORT TO SAN FRANCISCO PROMPTLY. MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE ADVISE AS TO EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THAT SAN FRANCISCO MASHAL(S) WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE CUSTODY OF PINKNEY IN STOCKHOLM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT TO CHECK WITH SAN FRANCISCO AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE BEFORE APRIL 24.

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4. DANELIUS TOOK LINE THAT HE COULD NOT PREJUDGE GOVERNMENT DECISION AND THAT EMBASSY COULD ONLY DRAW WHAT CONCLUSION IT WISHED FROM HIS APPROACH ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING. WE ARE INCLINED TO THE OBVIOUS DEDUCTION, EVEN THOUGH EXTRADICTION WOULD BE IN DEFIANCE OF LOUD POLITICAL CAMPAIGN BY LAWYER HANS GOREN FRANCK AND VARIOUS LEFT-WING COMMITTEES ALLEGING PINKNEY VICTIMIZED AS "PROMINENT BLACK PANTHER."

5. DANELIUS SAID GOS WOULD NOT PLAN TO TAKE PINKNEY INTO CUSTODY UNLESS AND UNTIL FORMAL DECISION TO EXTRADITE WAS REACHED. AS SOON AS PINKNEY IS IN CUSTODY, MFA WILL ADVISE EMBASSY. MFA DOES NOT WISH OR EXPECT SAN FRANCISCO OFFICIAL(S) TO BEGIN TRAVEL TO STOCKHOLM BEFORE PINKNEY SECURELY IN CUSTODY. IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AND IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE MIGHT EXPECT LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO DETAIN PERSON TO BE EXTRADITED AT EARLIER STAGE. BUT THIS IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY IN THIS CASE. SAN FRANCISCO AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE URGED TO TREAT DEPARTMENT'S INQUIRY WITH DISCRETION SO THAT IF THERE IS TO BE ANY LEAK, IT WILL NOT BE FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

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